

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

May 26, 2011

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: Mayor Donald Kasprzak

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on May 19, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending May 25, 2011 in the amount of \$ 368,512.89 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of May 19 – May 25, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from May 13 – May 24, 2011
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from April 1 – April 30, 2011

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 1,831,939.58 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

Councilor Jackson said I would just like to mention that \$1.45 million of that is the property tax we collect for the county and we owe it to them.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. **PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

7. **OTHER ITEMS:**

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Seth Silver of 40 Trafalgar Drive to close down part of Trafalgar Drive on June 18, 2011 from 11 am to 6 pm to have a safe area for their second annual block party.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Calnon, Case and Jackson voted in the affirmative. Councilor Rabideau voted in the negative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Barton & Loguidice for the "Multi-Use Path Construction project from George Angell Drive to the Saranac Street Bridge."

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Case
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from March 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010 in the total amount of \$5,929.91. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .33%.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract # 2011-17 "Survey for Green Street" be awarded to Machabee Land Surveying in the amount of \$1,860.00 and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Contract # 2011-11 "Ready Mix Concrete" be awarded to Graymont Materials (NY) Inc. for a total estimated cost of \$36,400.00.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend the "Homicide and Non Fatal shooting Training" in Onondaga County, NY from June 8 – 9, 2011 at an estimated cost that will not exceed \$512 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund, travel expense.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF JOHN KRUEGER TO THE POSITION OF CITY HISTORIAN EFFECTIVE JUNE 2, 2011 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A ONE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD.
2. Request from the Strawhatter's Concert Band to perform a free concert on Wednesday, July 27th at Trinity Park and Wednesday, August 10th at South Acres Park.
3. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract # 2011-16, "Saranac River Trail Multi-Use Path Phase II: SUNY Plattsburgh and Pine Street."
4. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer that the Mayor be authorized to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Consultant Agreement with Stantec for South Catherine Street Reconstruction; South Peru Street - South Platt Street; PIN 775314, Contract #2010-13
5. Request from Kevin Farrington City Engineer that Contract # 2011-14 "Painted Pavement Markings" be awarded to Straight Line Industries at a total estimated cost of \$76,850.
6. Request from Recreation Superintendent Steve Peters to organize and host an adventure race at the City Beach tentatively schedule for Saturday, September 17, 2011.

Councilor Tiffer said can I have Steven Peters discuss the adventure race and answer any questions that anyone has.

Superintendent Steve Peters said I would like to do an adventure race at the City beach. Right now nationwide adventure races are incredibly popular. They are generally national level companies; warrier dash, spartan race, rebel race all these different things. They can bring in thousands and thousands of people; I don't plan on doing anything on that scale. But, they are really popular and it's something that we can do at the City Beach, we have enough parking. And looking especially with the short term future of the City Beach, when do we open, what kind of services are we going to provide out there given the nature of the flooding that we have we don't have answers to those questions. I do think the water will recede, I do think the facility will be useable especially in mid-September. So this a way to either "A" get back revenue we may lose this summer or "B" boost the revenue that we will have this summer. The beach currently loses roughly \$30,000 a year. It shouldn't be a facility that does that and so I think we can do and keep within our department. One of the things I have wanted to do since I started working here was to try and do something that is really just us organizing, owning, doing as opposed to getting requests from outside organizations to do things. Where and for a good reason either the charity or the cause makes money and goes to help out other folks. But I think as a revenue generating facility that the City Beach can be this is something I'd like to do. Are there any questions?

Councilor Carpenter said what is an adventure race?

Superintendent Steve Peters said out here it would be a 5K race that has a bunch of different obstacles that the participants could go through. Running through portions of the lake, tunnels that we have, under cargo nets. I'm not going to propose anything that's up high where there's elevation that

people climb or jump off of. I think the liability goes up. The next best thing is to get them down low, nice and dirty, muddy. These type of things are really successful have a mud pit, which we would excavate and make with minimal cost, a fire pit that people jump over. It's really just a trench with some wood. It makes for great photos. When you're all muddy and dirty, people jumping over that to finish is a good event. I'm going to Burlington meeting those folks at Hall communications which is WIZN, WOKO and WBTZ they are the top 3 radio stations overall in our area and they are owned by the same company so they are very interested in getting in on the ground floor of this. If they are then it will become a very successful event and it will get people across the ferry this way.

Councilor Rabideau said I appreciate you sending the information. Since they are a company themselves do they have insurance?

Superintendent Steve Peters said they do yes, but, they're not coming to do this with us we are running it ourselves.

Councilor Rabideau said oh it's a city event.

Superintendent Steve Peters said if they ran it, here's an example, I did the Warrior dash last September in Windham, NY. There was 15,000 people that did the event in two days. That was almost 1 million dollars in race revenue and I looked at it and I saw maybe \$200,000 in expense. But all of that money left town. It goes with the organizer. I did call them but they require a far bigger space. But, I think this is something, I like the name it kind of capitalizes on something interesting and nobody really has owned the term yet. I'd like to do that I think it is marketable and I think it is a fun way to end the summer.

Councilor Rabideau said it sounds good.

7. Request from the Community Development Office that Project HOME 2009-7 (Fassette - 52½ Waterhouse St) be awarded to Handy Dan D Home Improvement for \$23,229.00 and will be funded by the 2009 HOME program.
8. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for one civilian employee to attend the "35th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Training Conference and Expo" in San Diego, CA from June 12 – 16, 2011. The cost will not exceed \$2,198 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture fund, travel expense.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Jackson said we are having a very brief one item MLD Board Meeting tonight after this meeting.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:42 pm